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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this Application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1-14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) A mounting for a seat, comprising an annular elastic member having an outer peripheral surface and a passageway extending through said elastic member so as to define an inner peripheral surface; a core element positioned adjacent to and in contact with said inner peripheral surface of said elastic member; and an outer casing positioned adjacent to and in contact with said outer peripheral surface of said elastic member.

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16. (Previously Presented) The mounting of Claim 15, wherein said core element has an axial through-passage.

17. (Previously Presented) The mounting of Claim 16, wherein said axial through-passage of said core element is tapered.

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18. (Previously Presented) The mounting of Claim 15 or 16, wherein said elastic member is interposed between said core element and said outer casing.

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19. (Previously Presented) The mounting of Claim 18, further comprising a top molding connected to said outer casing.

20. (Previously Presented) The mounting of Claim 19, wherein said outer casing has a bottom cup part in which said elastic member is seated.

21. (Previously Presented) The mounting of Claim 20, wherein said elastic member has a top section having a first diameter, a bottom section having a second diameter, and a central section positioned between said top and bottom sections and having a third diameter which is greater than said first and second diameters.

22. (Previously Presented) The mounting of Claim 21, wherein said elastic member has an annular recess extending from said inner peripheral surface toward said outer peripheral surface and wherein said core element includes a radially extending bead received within said recess of said elastic member.

23. (Previously Presented) The mounting of Claim 22, wherein said top molding includes a cut-out.

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24. (Withdrawn)

25. (Previously Presented) The mounting of Claim 15, wherein said  
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26. (Previously Presented) The mounting of Claim 15, wherein said  
core element includes a tapered shoulder surface.

27. (Previously Presented) The mounting of Claim 26, wherein said  
outer casing has a cup part which encases said elastic member.

28. (Previously Presented) The mounting of Claim 27, wherein said  
outer casing includes a flange connected to the seat.

29. (Previously Presented) The mounting of Claim 15, wherein said  
elastic member is tapered.

30. (Previously Presented) The mounting of Claim 15, wherein said  
elastic member is made of rubber; and wherein said core element is made of metal.

31. (Previously Presented) A chair, comprising a seat; an  
underframe connected to said seat; and a mounting arranged on said underframe, said  
mounting including an annular elastic member having an outer peripheral surface and a

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passageway extending through said elastic member so as to define an inner peripheral surface; a core element positioned adjacent to and in contact with said inner peripheral surface of said elastic member, and an outer casing positioned adjacent to and in contact with said outer peripheral surface of said elastic member.

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32. (Previously Presented) The chair of Claim 31, wherein said core element has an axial through-passage.

33. (Previously Presented) The chair of Claim 31, wherein said underframe includes a central column, said mounting being arranged on said central column.

34. (Previously Presented) The chair of Claim 33, wherein said central column includes an axially extending spring.

35. (Previously Presented) The chair of Claim 34, wherein said axially extending spring is a pneumatic spring having an extensible push rod with a top end which extends into said axial through-passage of said core element.

36. (Previously Presented) The chair of Claim 35, wherein said axial through-passage of said core element is tapered.

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37. (Previously Presented) The chair of Claim 36, wherein said mounting further includes a top molding connected to said outer casing, said seat being connected to said top molding.

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38. (Withdrawn)